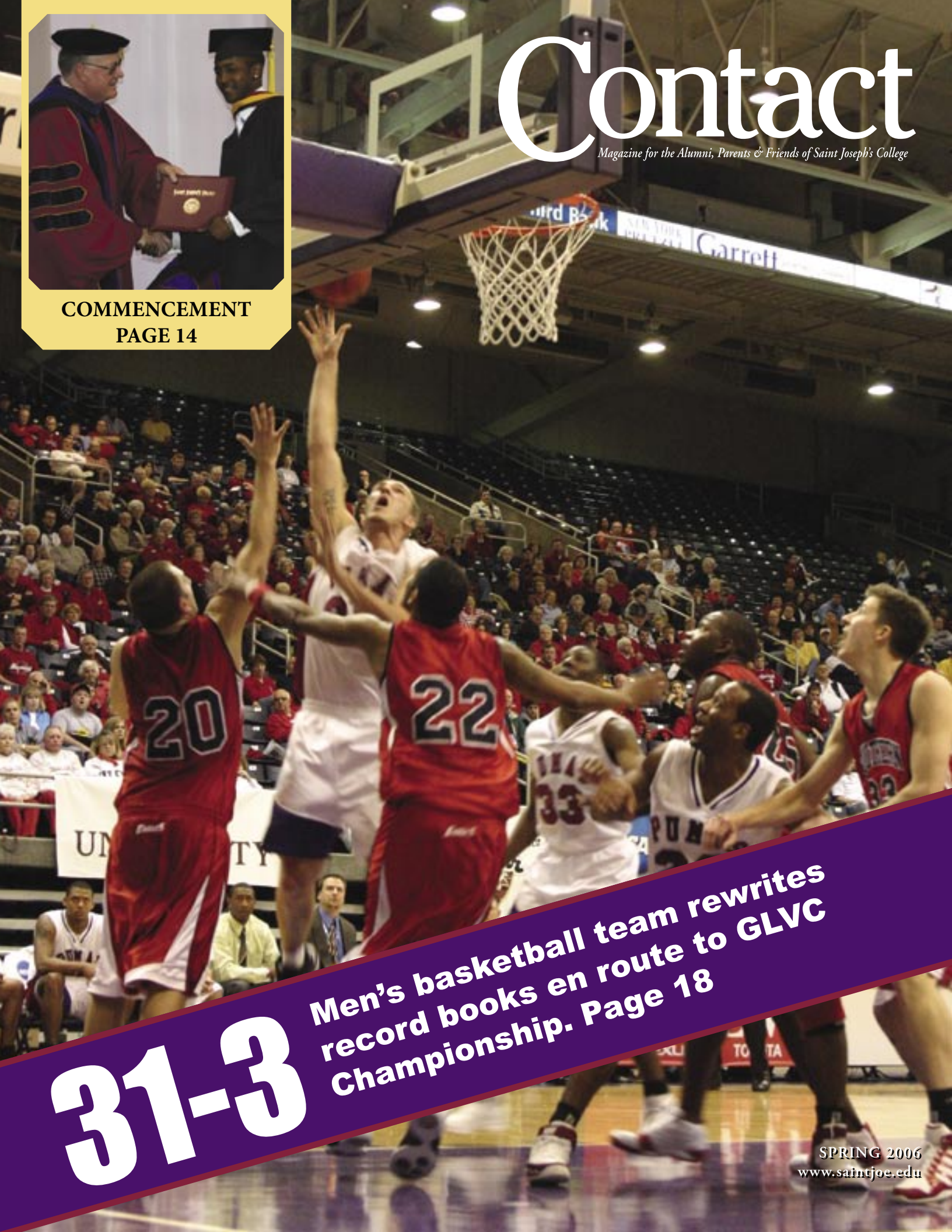




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Living out a mission

DURING MY STUDENT DAYS on campus, I was unaware of how the mission of Saint Joseph's and the Missionaries of the Precious Blood are so closely entwined.

I never realized that the Missionaries (at that time they were the Congregation of the Precious Blood) were truly a mission order and not a teaching order. The fact that they founded and staffed Saint Joseph's was an anomaly. Their mission was to preach the Word to the world, mostly the third world, as we knew it then. And yet, the Congregation also brought forth enough priests, sisters, and brothers to teach, inspire, and guide thousands of young men and women to their vocations in the world.

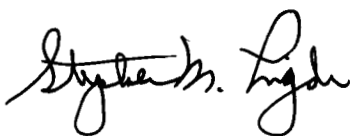
This issue of *Contact* notes the passing of two dedicated men whom I recall from my student days, namely **Rev. Charles Robbins, C.PPS '33** and **Rev. Charles Rueve, C.PPS. '40**.

I never spent a day in the classroom with either of these two men. I simply recall Father Robbins from his days as the Registrar, and my Math major classmates telling of the brilliance of Father Rueve's teaching methods.

Although we didn't appreciate it at the time, these men - along with their fellow priests, sisters, and brothers of the Precious Blood - were building a legacy, a living endowment. Their lives were ever so subtly living out a mission that few recognized or noted at the time.

As I page through my copies of *Phase*, the College's old yearbook, I am again reminded of the many missionaries who staffed and taught us in those "golden days" of our youth. I wonder how many of them gave up other dreams and plans to follow the Congregation's directive to staff the College, to turn boys and girls into men and women ready to face the world.

Regretfully, few of those men and women are still alive today. Like the veterans of World War II, their numbers are dwindling fast. And yet, their dreams survive them. For we are their dreams; we are their hopes; we are their legacy.



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A weekend of awards and recognition



TOP: Five SJC alumni were inducted into the Sports Hall of Fame on April 29th. Pictured from left to right are **Bryan Hall '98**, Rev. Pete Vanderkolk (accepting his late father **Cornelius Vanderkolk '43's** award on his behalf), **Dominic Horgeshimer '96**, **Angie Hupfer '00**, and **Mary Reid '00**.

ABOVE: **Adam DeBeck '06** (front, right) was honored as SJC's Senior of the Year on April 28th. With him are his parents Melody and Victor DeBeck (left front, left back) and President Ernest R. Mills III (right, back).

The weekend of April 28th was a busy one for SJC's Alumni Association, as the group sponsored the President's Senior Dinner on Friday and the Sports Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony the following day.

On Friday, **Adam DeBeck '06**, **Dave Didion '06**, **Jackie Inkrott '06**, **Heather Mikus '06**, and **Blake Schoen '06** were recognized as the five award candidates, and DeBeck was honored as Senior of the Year. He was awarded with a personal plaque, and his name was added to the perpetual Senior of the Year plaque listing located in the Halleck Student Center.

"Every senior deserves this award, but I'm honored to have been chosen by my classmates and the members of the Alumni Association," DeBeck said. "I will live up to SJC's motto and stay 'involved for life,' and I hope to one day be elected to the Alumni Association Board of Directors myself."

DeBeck, who now holds a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, enjoyed staying involved in many campus clubs and organizations during his time at SJC, including the Student Senate, College Democrats, Students in Free Enterprise, and Kairos spiritual retreats. He is currently enjoying his summer break before beginning working toward his master's degree in business administration at an institution of higher education near his parents' home in South Bend, Indiana.

Veteran student athletes **Bryan Hall '98**, **Dominic Horgeshimer '96**, **Angie Hupfer '00**, **Mary Reid '00**, and the late **Cornelius Vanderkolk '43** each had their own moment in the spotlight as they were inducted into the College's Sports Hall of Fame on Saturday night. The celebration began with dinner for the inductees, their families, and friends and ended with the presentation of awards. **Lou Offer '69** served as Master of Ceremonies, and several SJC alumni and administrators were present to share kind words and fond stories about those being honored. Originating in 1969, the Sports Hall of Fame aims to recognize athletic achievement during the recipient's time at the College, as well as athletic involvement and achievements beyond SJC.

"The Sports Hall of Fame allows Saint Joseph's College to honor alumni who have made, and continue to make, outstanding contributions to athletics," said Kendra Illingworth, Director of Alumni and Parent Relations. "This year's inductees have much to be proud of."



1st Annual ALUMNI DAY: Pumas heed the call, return to campus in support of men's and women's basketball

On February 18, the Office of Alumni and Parent Relations began a new tradition at SJC with the first annual Alumni Day. Alumni, students, parents, friends, and community members gathered in the Richard F. Scharf Alumni Fieldhouse to support the men's and women's basketball teams and enjoy a day of family-friendly activities. Both teams played against Great Lakes Valley Conference rival Lewis University (Illinois), and the men, ranked 10th in the conference at the time, were victorious (80-66) while the women fought hard but lost (69-89).

Throughout the day, concessions, tables, and chairs were set up on the backcourt, allowing guests to eat, visit, and cheer on the Pumas at center court. "The Alumni Day basketball games were a good opportunity for me to visit the College on a day, other than Homecoming, with 'SJC buzz,'" said **Joe Guzman '03**. "With the men's basketball

team enjoying a highly successful season, Alumni Day gave me the opportunity to watch the Pumas on the court while reuniting with SJC alumni."

Director of Alumni and Parent Relations Kendra Illingworth hopes to see the event become a yearly tradition with as many alumni in attendance to celebrate and support the basketball teams as there are at the annual Homecoming football game. "The first Alumni Day was a success and allowed alumni to get together on campus for a day to celebrate Puma athletics," she said. "The day was fun and casual and was a great way for alumni from near and far to spend an afternoon on campus."

ABOVE: **Craig Redlin '06**, a music major at SJC, student-directed the pep band and led Puma fans in cheering on the teams.

SJC marches in Chicago's 51st Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade

March 11 marked the 21st consecutive year that Saint Joseph's College has marched in Chicago's annual St. Patrick's Day parade. The tradition was founded by alumni **Mike Vallone '60**, **Joe Dillon '76**, and **Charlie Dillon '79**, who all wanted to march and represent SJC. Their desire to share the Puma name and spirit spawned an annual tradition that draws current students and alumni alike to celebrate the holiday and recognize the SJC community.

"We first marched in 1986," began Joe Dillon. "The parade started with a conversation I had with my two brothers, Steve and Charlie, both alumni. Because another brother saw the parade on WGN-TV in Boise, Idaho, at the time,

the idea was to get the school name on TV with the understanding that maybe, just maybe, we could attract potential students. I brought the idea to the Alumni Board, and they said to go with it. The rest is history."

In addition to Dillon, his brother, and Vallone, nine other alumni and friends were present for the '86 parade. Unfortunately, each unit was required to have twenty-five members in order to march, and so the group recruited some Canadian college students off the curb to march with them. With their help, the requirement was met and a new Puma tradition was born.

Annie Domasica '04

Since the sixth grade, **Annie Domasica '04** has known that she was destined to be a teacher. As a child who loved to read, it seemed natural that she would someday teach English.

"I always loved discussing stories and listening to my classmates' take on them," she said. "The close interaction I had with my sixth grade teacher is what first inspired me to become one myself. She really made me feel like an individual with ideas and opinions that mattered."

Now an adult with the same affinity for the written word, she holds a Bachelor's Degree in English and teaches the subject to the ninth grade – honors courses and remedial summer school included – at Crown Point High School in Crown Point, Indiana. She also teaches creative writing classes and is the assistant coach for women's soccer.

"When I was young, I was very close with several of my teachers, and I learned that the teacher/student relationship is one of the most important in a kid's life. Now I see that it's one of the most important in a teacher's life, too," Domasica said. She regularly uses examples from her own schooling to strengthen her classroom lessons. When instructing her students how to compose thesis statements, she passed out examples of thesis statements she wrote in her own career as a student. "I've found that if I show the students that I've completed the lessons myself, it makes it easier for them to understand why it's important for them to do it," she explained.

Known as "Miss D" to her students, Domasica strives to make each day in the classroom a different experience than the one before it. She teaches her students to have fun and be creative while absorbing material. "With English, it's all about opinions and ideas. There's always room for personality – and my students have a lot of it," she said. In



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her creative writing classes, students bring in recordings and printed lyrics to songs that hold special meanings to them, and the class listens and discusses the message they think the artist is trying to convey. "I'm always amazed by the types of songs my students bring in and the way they interpret the meanings of their favorite lyrics. It's a learning experience for me just as much as it is for them. It's one of our favorite parts of the week."

A more conventional lesson Domasica enjoys teaching is grammar – particularly the exceptionally hard concepts of the subject. "I love watching them struggle with an idea, from beginning to end. You can see it on their faces as they work their way through it – their eyes get all scrunched up, and they're not satisfied until they understand every aspect of the idea," she said. "But when they finally get it, that's my favorite part. Their faces light up with understanding when they grasp a concept, and you can just tell they're sitting on top of the world."

The classroom setting is a steady fixture in Domasica's future as she plans to one day add graduate school to her agenda. "I know teaching is for me," she said. "I'd like to get my master's degree in education and eventually teach future teachers at the college level."

Voted SJC's Senior of the Year in 2004, values and lessons she learned in the classrooms at SJC now abound in her own classroom at CPHS. "SJC helped to form and solidify my character. The Core Program helped me immensely by challenging my beliefs and forcing me to examine my moral conscience on a daily basis," she said. "The people at SJC – professors, students, and staff – provided me with a caring support group and served as examples of people who are living their lives with love and respect for others," which is exactly the way she strives to influence her own students.

Three SJC forensics students “bug out” in Australia during Spring Break



Instead of sunning themselves on a beach in Florida, three of Associate Professor of Biology Dr. Neal Haskell's seniors journeyed to Cessnock, Australia to spend their Spring Break participating in an entomological research study for one of Haskell's international forensic cases. Biology-Chemistry majors **Melissa Janowitsch '06** (pictured above) and **Brittany Wikierak '06** and Biology major **Olivia Klosterman '06** took part in separate independent study classes, collecting different types of carrion insects, such as maggots, beetles and flies, twice a day off the bodies of two pig carcasses. The pigs were positioned on a horse paddock close to one of the only mountain ranges “down under,” and the study strived to compile a representative sampling of insects that appear annually in the inland area north of Sydney.

“These young ladies are very conscientious and hard workers, so I knew I could trust sending them half-way around the world,” said Haskell. Janowitsch and Klosterman have accompanied their professor to murder autopsies, and all three have experience with the insect collection process. “They were trained with respect to entomological evidence,” Haskell continued. “I had great confidence in them and my choice was certainly verified.”

The trio visited the carcasses twice daily to collect specimens, once during the most intense heat around 11 a.m. and another before dusk around 4 p.m., and snapped numerous photographs with each trip. Because the pig carcasses decomposed quickly in the Australian summer heat, and temperature is very important in discerning the entomologic time of death, the students were able to see the majority of

insect variety by visiting twice a day. “I had known about entomology and the basics, but it was a different experience reading a chapter on entomology and then getting to actually experience it,” said Wikierak. “I realized how important the temperature is and to be very detailed with the work.”

In addition to recording temperature information, the group also performed area-netting collections of flies and preserved beetles and maggots in vials of alcohol. While they encountered common species such as the green bottle fly, a few insect varieties were completely new to the three, and all specimen samples were labeled and sent back to Indiana to be pinned and identified upon the students' return. The students also were required to visit four pig carcasses laid out by a graduate student from the University of Nebraska approximately a month before their arrival.

The trip, at no cost to the students, was the chance of a lifetime for the three women, all of whom desire to further their forensic background following graduation. “Especially as undergraduates, this experience sets us above other standards,” said Janowitsch, who has had the opportunity to participate in two additional forensic cases with Haskell.

All three women were exposed to a plethora of forensic knowledge throughout their week-long stay in Australia, but they also got a taste of post-college independence. “Being on your own in a foreign country with just yourself to rely on, you learn as you go that you can take care of yourself,” said Klosterman. “I learned a lot about setting up your own experiment and doing all your own research. This was a very amazing experience, simultaneously learning about myself and what I want to do.”



AIT Laboratories

A HIGHER STANDARD OF SERVICESM



American Institute of Toxicology trains SJC's future scientists through laboratory internship program

In 1967, **Dr. Michael Evans '67** was a fresh college graduate with ambitious goals and meager resources, resources that couldn't bring his dreams of a profession in the sciences to fruition. However, the assistance he received from state and national organizations enabled him to enjoy a livelihood as both an esteemed academic and a successful entrepreneur. Now in a position to help others, Evans has partnered with Saint Joseph's College to offer summer-long internships to students at his company, American Institute of Toxicology (AIT Laboratories), located in Indianapolis, Indiana.

The internship program originated in 2001. Since then, six SJC students have been introduced to laboratory production through AIT; last year, two were hired to work in the lab full time.

According to Evans, his motivation behind creating the program was to assist both college students and the state of Indiana. "Science is something that can't just be learned by reading books. In order to appreciate it, you have to understand the practical application of it. I want to make sure SJC students get that understanding," he explained. "I'm also eager to show them that, once they graduate, Indiana has a variety of career options to offer."

For Chemistry major **Marcie Keyes '07**, one of AIT's interns for 2005, the program was one of her deciding factors in choosing to attend Saint Joseph's. "I met Dr. Evans at a networking reception for prospective students and alumni during my senior year in high school, and I remember being so impressed by what he had accomplished," she explained. "What he was able to take from SJC allowed him to start a thriving and successful company. The idea of working for him was definitely appealing."

During her internship, Keyes was charged with validating testing methods for drugs of abuse. Specifically, her duties included transferring liquid-liquid extractions to solid-phase extractions and verifying that the test method

for each drug wasn't compromised in the transfer. This involved the use of several high-tech instruments such as the Cerex Positive Processor, which produces solid-phase extractions, and the GC/MS (gas chromatographer/mass spectrometer), which separates and identifies organic chemicals. By the end of the summer, Keyes had completed work on cocaine and its metabolic breakdowns and was invited to return next year. She also spent the majority of her winter break in the lab receiving and processing samples.

Marissa Klebs '05 spent her last two summers interning for the company and was officially hired in December as a member of the research and development team. However, she spent her last semester preparing for the position, as it had been held for her while she completed her bachelor's degree at SJC.

"It's very unusual for a company to wait several months for a candidate to begin an entry-level position," acknowledged lab director **Andrea Terrell, Ph.D., DABCC**. "I think that shows our commitment to hiring the best people for the job. We were willing to wait for Marissa because we knew she'd be a great fit here. As an intern, she excelled at whatever she did and even helped to develop a few assays that were successfully implemented into production."

Keyes believes her internship experience not only prepared her for a potential job at AIT but also for any other toxicology laboratory in the country. "I knew I wanted to work in a lab, but I had no idea what to expect," she said. "Because of my internship, I'm familiar with the surroundings, processes, and equipment involved in running a laboratory, and I can use that for any job I get in the future."

In Klebs' case, it provided insight to the career path that suited her best. "I thought I wanted to do the kind of work you saw on shows like CSI, but I found myself leaning towards the research aspect of it. Now I have a job where I love coming to work every day. I couldn't ask for anything better."



Marcie Keyes '07 (left) and **Marissa Klebs '05** (right) hold AIT's intern plaque marking their participation and achievement.

2006 CareerFest sweeps campus

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A recent survey conducted by the National Association of Colleges and Employers suggests that the number of new college graduates to be hired in the 2005-2006 academic year can be expected to increase by 14.5 percent over last year. This marks the third consecutive year in which the job outlook for new college graduates has been positive, and it is the third consecutive year in which the increase in college hiring has hit double digits.

In an effort to support employer interest in college graduates, the Career Development Center of Saint Joseph's College hosted its annual CareerFest on March 27, open to students from colleges and universities throughout the state. Featured activities included a luncheon and a special performance by the SJC CareerFest Jazz Combo, directed by Assistant Professor of Music Dr. Paul Geraci and sponsored by in.jobcentral.com.

"SJC is definitely feeling the impact of employers' increased interest in upcoming college graduates. More employers are requesting to hold on-campus interviews for internship and full-time employment opportunities, and online job posting has increased over 30 percent in the past two years," said Adam Malson, Director of the Career Development Center. "Holding an on-campus career fair is one of the best ways for large numbers of employers and students to communicate with one another."

Companies and organizations appeared at CareerFest, including the American Institute of Toxicology (AIT Laboratories), the Federal Bureau of



Vanessa C. Sanchez '06 (left), a recent Biology-Chemistry graduate, consults with Kathy Henchey, Program Coordinator for the Indiana-based Waycross Camp and Conference Center on non-profit employment opportunities.

Investigation, American Red Cross of Northwest Indiana, the Sherwin Williams Company, and Federated Mutual Insurance.

While events such as these are significant to college juniors and seniors, they are equally beneficial to employers. John Balvich, General Manager and owner of Brother's Broadcasting Corporation and President of the Rensselaer Chamber of Commerce, has attended the SJC CareerFest the past several years. "CareerFest is worth the time of any employer seeking to find energetic and motivated young college students who are eager to work as interns or employees," Balvich said.

Likewise, the event has proven useful for non-profit organizations such as Healthy Families of Jasper and Newton Counties. "Last year was our first time participating in the SJC CareerFest," said Healthy Families' Program Manager Linda Rios. "It was a great way to promote our agency and helped us recruit new interns and employees."

John Simon '07 represents SJC in Washington, D.C. internship

John Simon '07, an Economics and Marketing major, spent the spring in Washington, D.C. in a semester-long internship for United States Senator Carl Levin. Levin, a Democratic representative for Michigan, is the head of the Armed Services Committee. Simon applied online for the position, sending in his resume, numerous letters of recommendation, and a writing sample. He was chosen in addition to three other interns out of a pool of applicants.

"I did some mail sorting and ran errands, but basically I reported to a legislative coordinator," said Simon, whose main responsibilities were economic and tax issues. "I researched bills and wrote letters to constituents about their complaints and gave them the Senator's reactions. I also researched things like current events and [economic issues] and did memos on summaries of bills or memos that Senator Levin wanted background on."

Although Simon has always been attracted to economics and political affairs, he truly became interested in going into politics during his sophomore year at Saint Joseph's College while enrolled in an intermediate macroeconomics course. "I figured this [internship] would be a good way to get my foot in the door, get my experience, and get out there. Economics is really where I can focus my attention on something I love to do."

Through the internship, Simon was able to explore his interests while experiencing the world of politics. "I've learned how everything in the office operates, how bills become laws, how things happen on the [Senate] floor, how senators deal with constituents and how they try to fill the peoples' needs," said Simon. "I've learned how the vote



works, how they have to get together and speak on what their opinions are of the person. I've also seen how a filibuster works and how you can stop that with just one vote."

Simon believes his internship experience will contribute to his future goals. "I want to run for senator one day and go into politics. I think I could really help this country, and I love politics. I like debating, and it's one thing I can do all day, every day, and not tire."

In addition to a stronger work ethic and additional knowledge, Simon's internship provided him with real-world experience at a young age. "The experience taught me overall that you can't just sit around and wait for something to happen; you have to go get it yourself. They notice the people who work hard, and you do have to work for it because no one is going to hand it to you. You realize how hard you have to work until you get what you want."

John Simon '07 (left) and fellow interns pose with Senator Joseph Biden (D., Delaware) (center) in Washington, D.C.

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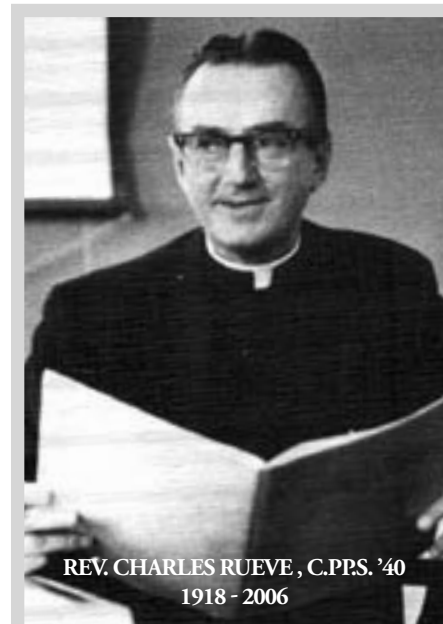
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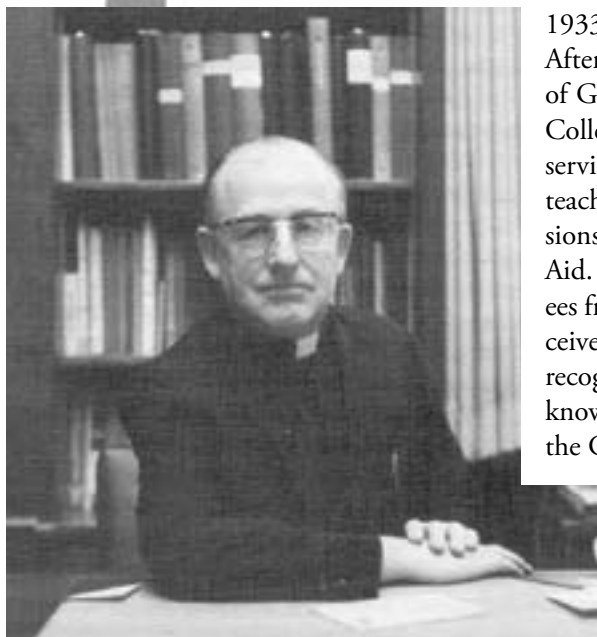
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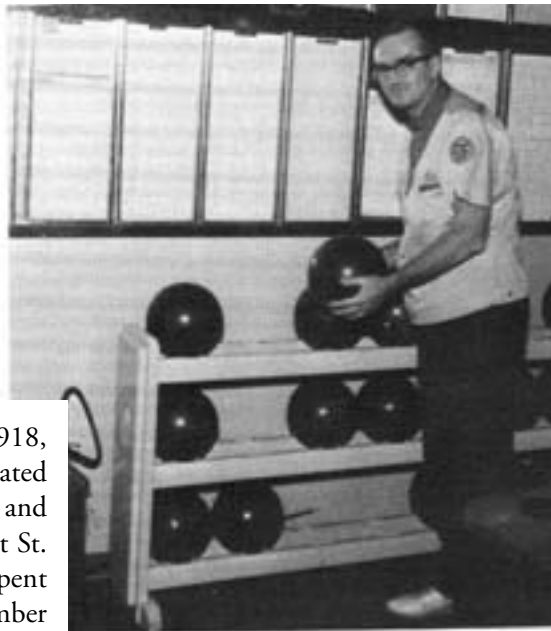
EVERY LIFE

a story to be



Rev. Robbins was born January 18, 1913, in Sharpsburg, Ohio, graduated from Saint Joseph's College in 1933, and was ordained May 7, 1939. After returning to SJC as a professor of Greek and Latin, he remained at the College for nearly the rest of his life, serving in many capacities, including teaching, Registrar, Director of Admissions, and Director of Student Financial Aid. He served on the Board of Trustees from 1974 to 2000, and in 1997, received the Medal of St. Gaspar Award in recognition of his long, dedicated, and knowledgeable interest in and service to the College.

Rev. Rueve was born May 25, 1918, in Springfield, Ohio, graduated from Saint Joseph's College in 1940, and was ordained December 5, 1943, at St. Charles in Carthagen, Ohio. He spent many years at SJC as a faculty member in the Math department, and his love of nature resulted in the planting of many trees on campus. He was an avid bee-keeper and dedicated much of his time to the care of the Lourdes Grotto.



THE MONTH OF MARCH ECHOED WITH A DEEP SADNESS at the passing of **Rev. Charles Rueve, C.P.P.S. '40** and **Rev. Charles Robbins, C.P.P.S. '33** on March 10th and 29th, respectively. Both Pumas for over sixty years, Revs. Rueve and Robbins dedicated their lives to the mission of Saint Joseph's College, teaching and administrating at and tenderly caring for the grounds of the College. The legacy of these great men will live on in many Pumas whose hearts they touched.

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"Fr. Rueve was an inspiration to everyone - he was humble, soft-spoken, and gave of himself selflessly. He did so much for others without ever looking for anything in return."
- **Cris (Cowan) Petro '91**

"Geneology was one of Father Rueve's hobbies, and through the study of his own ancestry, he came to find out that he and I were fifth cousins. Not only was I a math student of his, but he also married my first husband and me."
- **Pam (Heyman) Horvath '85**

"Father Robbins always had time to talk with you. I always enjoyed greeting him, as he would wave and nod in agreement, and offer a cheerful 'Hello, Jack.'"
- **Jack Lambke '65**

"I most remember Father Robbins as never having 'ruffled feathers,' with a calm and compassionate demeanor."
- **Reginald C. Pulliam, M.Ed. '79**

told...



REV. CHARLES ROBBINS, C.P.P.S. '33
1913-2006





WE CELEBRATE OUR 111TH CO



On May 7, 116 students walked across the stage at Saint Joseph's College's 111th annual Commencement ceremony and celebrated the day with The Honorable Richard G. Lugar, Republican Senator for Indiana, keynote speaker and honorary degree recipient, who bade the class of 2006 to have confidence in their abilities and readiness for societal contribution.

"The human spirit possesses remarkable abilities and energies that can be brought to bear on our conditions," Lugar said in his graduate address. "You should have optimism that the next diplomatic breakthrough, scientific advancement,

medical cure, artistic milestone, or landmark policy is just around the corner, waiting to be brought forth or implemented by graduates such as you."

Lugar, the longest serving U.S. Senator in Indiana history, was first elected to the U.S. Senate in 1976 and won a fifth term in 2000, his third consecutive victory by a two-thirds majority. In addition to his address to the senior class, Saint Joseph's College conferred upon him the degree of Doctor of Laws *Honoris Causa*.

An honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters *Honoris Causa* was also conferred to **Thomas A.**



COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY



Gonwa, MD, FACP '71, who earned a bachelor's degree in Biology-Chemistry from the College in 1971. Gonwa currently works at the Mayo Clinic Jacksonville Hospitals in Jacksonville, Florida, where he serves as the Medical Director of Renal and Pancreas Transplant services at St. Luke's Hospital and is a professor of medicine and a consultant in the divisions of transplant medicine and nephrology and hypertension.

Several other individuals also addressed the graduating class, including SJC President Dr. Ernest R. Mills III, Provost Dr. David Chatin, Co-Valedictorians **Katherine Grgic '06** and **Bob Jansen '06**,

and Senior Class President **Jessica Harris '06**.

"What you have learned and experienced here at Saint Joseph's College will stimulate your imagination and your ambition for a lifetime," Lugar continued. "You will find amazing opportunities to work toward the positive transformation of your community, your country, and your world."

Prior to Commencement, a Baccalaureate Mass was held for seniors and their families the previous Saturday. At this time, **Heather Mikus '06** was presented with the Saint Joseph the Educator Award, given to a student viewed as a model

of Christian life by living in service to others. Three professors were also honored; the Religio Award, given to a faculty member who embodies Catholic and Christian humanistic values, was presented to **Rev. Jeffrey Kirch, C.PPS. '98**. The Moralitas Award, which recognizes high moral character in all personal and professional aspects of life, was granted to Associate Professor of Education **Dr. Tom Ryan '70** for the third consecutive year, and the Scientia Award, given to a professor with a reputation for passing on knowledge in an exemplary fashion, was given to Associate Professor of Biology Dr. Neal Haskell.

MOVING ON UP: Many Pumas secured full-time employment and graduate school plans before ever stepping foot across the stage.

PAVING A CAREER PATH

Amy Baird - Federated Mutual Insurance Company in Owatonna, Minnesota - Regional Claims Representative
Stacy Claussen - Tri-County Middle-Senior High School in Wolcott, Indiana - senior English teacher, yearbook sponsor
Alicia Conn - McCutcheon High School in Lafayette, Indiana - English teacher, assistant coach for women's golf and softball
Joey Dovidio - Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors in Los Angeles, California - Office of Supervisor Don Knabe
Amy Harmening - Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago in Chicago, Illinois - Lab Technician
Jillian Kapitan - BKD, LLP in Indianapolis, Indiana - Staff Accountant
Candace Northam - Ontario Systems in Muncie, Indiana - Technical Communicator
Kyle Purple - Infotex in Kokomo, Indiana - Network Operations Center (NOC) Technician
Amanda Stoops - Sherwin-Williams Company in Indianapolis, Indiana - Management Training Program
Blake Van Eekeren - Apps Communications in Orland Park, Illinois - Software Developer
Nioka Ward - San Pierre High School in North Judson, Indiana - freshman English teacher

STICKING WITH SCHOOL

Amanda Barnhart - Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana; School of Optometry
Kyle Bender - Purdue University in West Lafayette, Indiana; Doctorate in Counseling Psychology
Zachary Erb - Midwestern University in Downers Grove, Illinois; Doctor of Physical Therapy
Shelley Figiel - Adler School of Professional Psychology in Chicago, Illinois; Master of Arts in Counseling
Katie Grgic - Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana; Juris Doctorate
Elizabeth Henning - Saint Louis University in Saint Louis, Missouri; Master of Arts in English Literature; Teaching Assistantship
Bob Jansen - Missionaries of the Precious Blood in Dayton, Ohio; Formation Program - University of Dayton
Rachel Jarrad - Purdue University in West Lafayette, Indiana; Interdisciplinary Life Science (PULSe) Ph.D. Program; Assistantship and PULSe Excellence Graduate Scholarship
Lindsay Mayer - Dominican University in Chicago, Illinois; Master of Arts in Social Work



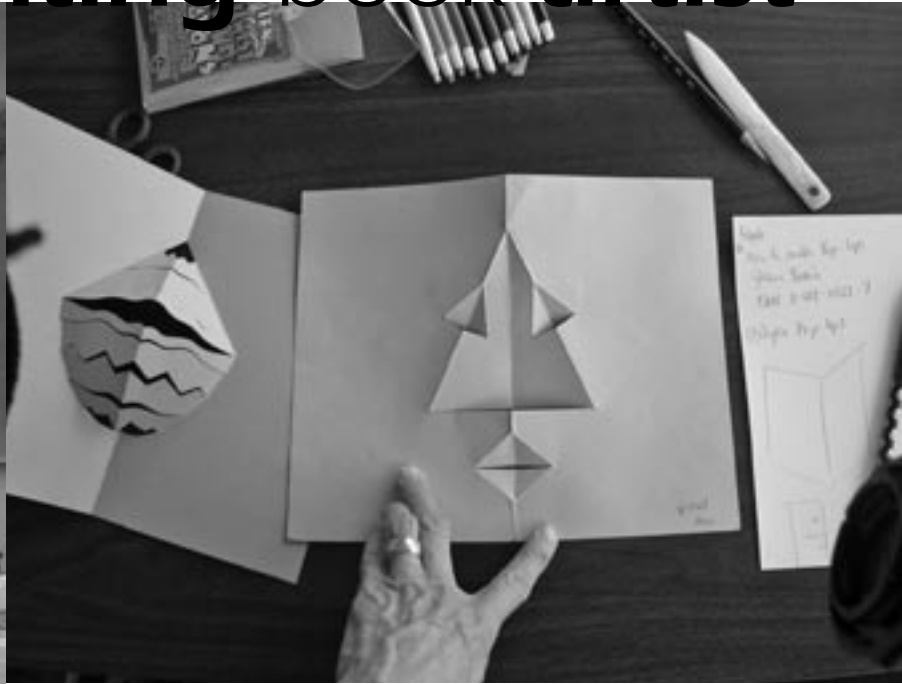
Rev. Tim McFarland, C.P.P.S. '78 presided over Baccalaureate Mass on Saturday of senior weekend.



The honorable Richard G. Lugar (left), Republican Senator for Indiana, was the keynote speaker and an honorary degree recipient. Pictured with Dr. Ernest R. Mills III, SJC President (right).

Jean Monfort - University of Chicago in Chicago, Illinois; Master of Arts in International Relations
Rachel Theodore - Ball State University in Muncie, Indiana; Master of Science in Sport and Exercise Psychology; Graduate Assistantship
Stephanie Weber - University of Indianapolis in Indianapolis, Indiana; Doctor of Psychology

Meet our visiting book artist



GROPPE

JOHN GROPPE, Professor Emeritus of English, will have a selection of photography displayed in a two-person show at the Contemporary Gallery at Indiana University-Northwest. The exhibit, entitled “Under Indiana Skies: Jasper County,” will run from July 17 through August 11. A meet-and-greet artist’s reception will be held at the Gallery (located at 3400 Broadway, in Gary, Indiana) on Friday, July 21, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. CDT.



BONNIE ZIMMER, Associate Professor of Art, recently brought a visiting artist to campus: book artist Bonnie Stahlecker. In collaboration with Rensselaer’s Prairie Arts Council, SJC hosted Stahlecker for three days at the end of April. After visiting several schools in the area and teaching open public workshops, her presentations at SJC included public workshops, lectures, and an ongoing demonstration of her work.

“I selected Bonnie as our visiting artist because of the unique art books she creates and also her reputation for excellence in working with school children and individuals of all ages,” said Zimmer. She also recognized the universality of Stahlecker’s medium. “The art of bookmaking is one that we all can relate to. We all read books, hold books, and enjoy books of various forms. Art books take us beyond our usual experience into viewing the book as not only an object of information, but as an artistic form, as well.”

Booster Club

The Saint Joseph's College Athletic Department invites all alumni, parents, and friends of the College to join in supporting SJC's athletic teams by joining the Puma Booster Club.

An annual gift of \$100 entitles the bearer to two season passes to all sporting events at SJC (excluding NCAA Tournament events), invitations to post-game gatherings in the Booster Club room and all Booster Club trips and activities, usage of the varsity weight room and Hanson Recreation Center track, and a Puma Parking Pass.

An annual gift of \$200 entitles the bearer to all of the above benefits, as well as a family pass to all sporting events (excluding NCAA Tournament events).

Gifts can be designated to a specific sport or to the general athletics fund. 15% of all designated gifts will go to the general Booster Club fund to cover expenses.

For more information or to join, contact the SJC Athletic Office at 219-866-6386.

Golf Outing

The Saint Joseph's College Athletic Department will hold its annual Golf Outing on Saturday, July 8, at Bon Vivant Country Club in Bourbonnais, Illinois.

The \$110 cost of registration includes an 18-hole round of golf with a cart on Bon Vivant's North Course, lunch at the turn, and a steak dinner. The cost for the dinner only is \$40. Sponsorships for tables (\$100) and individual holes on the course (\$50) are available, as well.

Door prizes will be given to each registered golfer. Prizes will also be awarded to the Best and Worst Golfers, Longest Drive, and Closest to the Pin. Designated holes will have prizes such as a car, cash, or other merchandise for a hole in one.

For more information or to register, contact SJC head baseball coach **Rick O'Dette '99** at 219-866-6399.

Women's basketball posts ten-game improvement



Senior point guard **Ashley Hughes '06** was SJC's floor leader all season long.

The SJC women's basketball team posted a much-improved effort under first-year head coach Amy Siegel, as the Lady Pumas' record of 14-13 far exceeded the 4-23 mark posted the previous season.

SJC won more games in 2005-06 than in the last two seasons combined and recorded the program's first winning season since the 1998-99 team finished with a 15-12 mark.

SJC remained in contention for a GLVC Tournament berth until the season's final day, posting a 7-12 record in conference play. The Lady Pumas did record a victory over eventual conference tournament champion Northern Kentucky University, as well as NCAA Tournament qualifiers Quincy University and Ashland University.

Junior Michelle Bova led SJC in scoring and rebounding, and earned her first GLVC Player of the Week award February 6. She was an Honorable Mention selection to the All-GLVC team, as was senior Ashley Hughes. Hughes was also an Academic All-District selection.

Men's basketball team wraps up banner year

The most prosperous men's basketball season in Saint Joseph's College history came to a close recently, as the Pumas finished with a record of 31-3, losing to the University of Southern Indiana, 81-78, in the semifinals of the NCAA Division II Great Lakes Regional Tournament.

SJC opened the tournament with a 74-69 victory over Ferris State University. It was the first NCAA Tournament game for the Pumas since 1994. Both regional games were played in front of sold-out crowds at Richard F. Scharf Alumni Fieldhouse.

The Great Lakes Valley Conference Tournament was held March 3-5 at Roberts Stadium in Evansville, Indiana. The Pumas won three games in as many days, claiming the school's first GLVC Tournament championship in the nine-year history of the event. It was the Pumas' third conference title and the first since 1992. SJC defeated Southern Indiana (80-71), Drury University (77-73), and Quincy University (68-67) on the way to the championship.

Sullivan Sykes '06 and **Rashad McSwine '06** were both named to the GLVC's All-Tournament Team, and Sykes was named the tournament's Most Outstanding Player. Sykes was named the conference's Co-Player of the Year and made the All-GLVC First Team. Classmate **Derek Fey '06** made the First Team as well, while McSwine was voted to the Second Team. Sykes was also named to the Daktronics All-Great Lakes Region First Team, as well as the Great Lakes Region All-Tournament Team.

Sykes scored his 1,000th point at SJC on February 18 against Lewis, making him the 38th Puma to do so. He reached that total in just 53 games, making him the fourth-fastest to reach 1,000 points in school history. He finished the season ranked 20th at SJC (1,177 points) all-time, and his 645



First row, sitting: Jocque Sheldon '08, Kenneth DeVance '08. Second row, kneeling: Matty Bush '08, Jonathan Pittman '07, Jeremy Kreiger '08, **Matt Comparato '06**, Devin Thomas '08. Third row, standing: Student Assistant Coach Mike Mazur '07, **Brandon Turner '06**, **Rashad McSwine '06**, Ronald Coleman '08, Assistant Coach David Burkett. Fourth row, standing: Brandon Mayse '09, Assistant Coach Richard Davis, Cortney Wallace '08, **Sullivan Sykes '06**, Head Coach Linc Darner, **Blake Schoen '06**.

points this season are the sixth-highest total at the College. He was also selected to participate in the inaugural NCAA Division II All-Star Game, held March 24 in conjunction with the Division II Elite Eight Tournament.

Head coach Linc Darner was voted the GLVC's Coach of the Year, making him the third SJC men's coach to receive the award, joining Dan Peters (1992) and Dave Balza (2001). He was also named Great Lakes Region Coach of the Year by the National Association of Basketball Coaches. Darner's 74 victories with the Pumas rank him fifth in school history.

The Pumas, who posted the highest victory total in the NCAA Division II this season, were ranked second in the nation at the end of the regular season, which is the highest ranking in school history. SJC had not appeared in the national rankings since the 2000-01 preseason poll.

SJC set single-season school records for overall wins, home wins (16), in-conference wins (17), consecutive wins to start a season (12), points (2,883), three-pointers made (222), free throws made (613), and average margin of victory (11.5 ppg).

Robinson Memorial Library

Updated technology, workspace provide students with new way to learn



While many alumni may reminisce about perusing through stacks and card catalogs in SJC's Robinson Memorial Library, current Pumas' expectations of the Library are quite different. Many students of today need and want a comfortable, quiet environment in which to complete assignments, research, or study, and use cutting-edge technology to aide such endeavors. According to the Long-Range Planning Library Survey conducted in 2005, a clear majority of students indicated that comfortable, collaborative, and individual study spaces were their top priorities.

Assisting students and faculty with their researching, learning, and teaching needs remains the mission of the academic library, but how the mission is accomplished has changed. Funded by the Classes of 1963 and 1964 and matched by Lilly Endowment, the objectives of the 2004 remodeling project were to renovate the circulation/reference room and establish an endowment. Aesthetic changes to the area, including new tables and chairs, lounge-style seating, shelving, display cases, and laptop computer workstations replaced the nearly sixty-year-old furniture, and technology advancement began with enabling wireless internet, a new security system, and a custom-built reference desk.

The recent renovation of the Library's reference/circulation area, however, is only the beginning of the exciting changes in store. The next remodeling phase proposes compact

shelving to house the Library's periodical and government document collections, freeing space to consolidate the entire book collection to the basement area, rather than splitting the collection at the letter "H" as it is now. The basement will provide students access to various types of collaborative study spaces by installing new study carrels, small tables and chairs, lounge seating, and computer work stations. On the main floor, the current collection housing the "HG-PR" collection will become a quiet, comfortable area designed to promote study, with an art gallery ambiance and display pieces correlating to the materials studied in Core classes. The area currently housing the "PR-Z" collection will be divided into two multipurpose rooms complete with projection equipment to be used by students for collaborative study and meetings or by faculty for information literacy sessions or class activities.

Academic libraries have been undergoing many changes in the last couple of decades, and the Robinson Memorial Library needs to continue its upgrading process in order to maintain quality service to students and faculty. It is imperative that the library be cognizant of student needs throughout the renovation planning process, allowing it to remain at the center of learning and enrichment at SJC. As the planning evolves, the library must constantly look forward while also keeping its primary mission in mind: serving the students and faculty of Saint Joseph's College.

Co-Valedictorian **Katie Grgic '06** takes a break from studying to browse through a magazine in one of the Library's new lounge areas.

Class Gifts Take Center Stage

In the fall of 2005, the Classes of 1955, 1960, 1965, and 1975 celebrated their reunions by contributing to the Theatre in the Arts and Science Building, helping to further plans for a much needed “wardrobe change.” The classes that are planning their reunions in 2006 will also continue this tradition by showing more support to the Theatre.

New seating, flooring, lighting, painting, and restoring the original look of the proscenium are just some of the renovations. This year, additional naming opportunities have been added. Anyone – not just members of honor classes – can help and “take a seat” with a \$1,000 pledge payable over three years.

For more information or to make a gift, contact the Office of Institutional Advancement and Marketing at 800-227-1898.



Theatre Naming Opportunity (1) \$800,000

A gift of this magnitude not only allows for renovation but an endowment – “the show must go on!” (\$266,667 per year for three years)

Stage Naming Opportunity (1) \$100,000

“All the world’s a stage.” You can be more than merely a player by selecting the stage naming opportunity. (\$33,333 per year for three years)

Lobby Naming Opportunity (SOLD!) \$50,000

Orchestra Pit Naming Opportunity (1) \$25,000

Don’t miss a beat. We can make beautiful music together from the Orchestra Pit that “notes” your generosity with a personalized plaque. (\$8,444 per year for three years)

Standing Ovation (2 SOLD, and only 2 remaining) \$15,000

Make a grand entrance to every show. Choose from one of four entrances/aisles of the Theatre and also receive three front-row seats – all with personalized plaques. (\$5,000 per year for three years)

Display Cases (4) \$10,000

“If it plays in Peoria . . .” let it display at SJC. Choose from one (1) of four (4) lobby display cases adorned with your personalized plaque. (\$3,333 per year for three years)

Director (4 SOLD, and only 1 remaining) \$5,000

“You ought to be in pictures.” A framed and illuminated Columbian Players’ archived production photo will be displayed. Includes a personalized plaque. (\$1,667 per year for three years)

Columbian Player \$1,000

Be a Columbian Player by naming a seat in the renovated Theatre. Your elegant seat will be distinctively marked with a personalized plaque. (\$333 per year for three years)

Encore!

Other

Donors at the Encore! level will be listed on a recognition plaque.



WHAT IS A “FELLOW”: The concept of a “Fellow” originated in medieval times and meant one who lays down money in a joint undertaking with others thus becoming a partner, peer, or an associate. A “Fellow” was taken to mean as well a counselor, patron, and benefactor through his/her support of college programs manifested by gifts of land, buildings, or money. For SJC, it is the highest non-academic honor that is bestowed by the College. In the words of Rev. Raphael Gross, C.P.P.S., “A Fellow of Saint Joseph’s College sees beyond the horizon of (his) everyday occupation or profession. (He) looks to (his) identification with the College as an ‘invitation to greatness.’” Among the first Fellows of the College were President and Mrs. Dwight D. Eisenhower and Archbishop O’Brien of Chicago. The designation of Fellow is for a lifetime and entitles one to attend the annual induction ceremony and dinner, typically held on the first Saturday of June, and offers numerous benefits for discounts and access to College facilities and functions.

As Eugene S. Pulliam, Sr. wrote in an *Indianapolis Star* editorial:

Those honored by introduction into the circle of Saint Joseph’s Fellows have made personal, not corporative, sacrifices. Their contributions, moreover, have been more than that of laying down money; they have included the dispensation of wise counsel, fulfillment of tedious chores, and the use of their good names in the College’s programs.

With your pledge/contribution, you may sponsor yourself for induction as a Fellow or you may choose to sponsor another individual (e.g., a family member, classmate, colleague, or friend).

WHEN WAS THE FELLOWS PROGRAM ESTABLISHED: The Fellows Program

was established in 1962 by Rev. Raphael Gross, C.P.P.S., the thirteenth president of Saint Joseph's College.

HOW MANY FELLOWS ARE THERE?

4,073 (this number includes current Fellows, deceased and lost)

WHAT IS THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE ROSETTE? The rosette is a cardinal and purple lapel pin presented at the time of induction to a Fellow. The pin is worn to represent SJC in one's profession and seeks to interest others in the College and the cause, prestige, development, and acceptance of private Catholic higher education in the public mind.

DO I NEED TO MAKE A DONATION? The commitment to becoming a Fellow in 1962 was \$1,000 pledged over a 3-year period. That amount reflected the cost of SJC's tuition at that time. In 1999 the amount was raised to \$2,000 pledged over a 5-year period. Fellows, in recent history, have dedicated themselves to special fundraising projects of the College such as restoration of the stained glass windows in the Saint Joseph's Chapel, renovation of classrooms and laboratories in the Arts & Science Building, beautification of the Lourdes Grotto, and now – establishing the Chapel Complex Endowment.



WHAT IMPACT HAVE THE FELLOWS HAD ON THE COLLEGE IN RECENT YEARS? The Fellows had a goal in 1999 to raise \$200,000 to restore the Chapel's stained glass windows and ultimately raised \$385,523. The windows were dedicated in June 2001. September 2001 was the unveiling of the endeavor to renovate the classrooms/laboratories in the Arts & Science Building. Nearly \$209,000 was raised. The Fellows surpassed the \$175,000 goal for beautification of the Lourdes Grotto by reaching over \$239,000 and rededicating in June 2004. Currently, the Fellows have raised over \$380,000 in the quest to raise \$1 million for the

Chapel Complex Endowment.

ARE THERE ANY TAX BENEFITS FOR THIS PROGRAM? There is a tax credit available in the State of Indiana for taxpayers who contribute to institutions of higher education. (\$100 single filers; \$200 for married/joint filers.) Example: if you are a married couple that is paying \$400/year to become a Fellow, you will receive a \$200 credit on your Indiana taxes by filing the CC-40 form.

FOR MORE INFORMATION on The Fellows Program and/or the Chapel Complex Endowment contact: **Maureen Egan '90**, Vice President of Institutional Advancement and Marketing, at (800)227-1898 or mo@saintjoe.edu.

FELLOWS FUNDRAISING SUCCESS:

Chapel Windows Restoration	\$385,523
Chapel Complex Endowment (current)	\$382,436 (Goal: \$1 million)
Lourdes Grotto Beautification	\$239,575
Arts & Science Renovation	\$208,988
Pond & Chapel Benches	\$20,240
Core Plaza Benches	\$18,596
TOTAL	\$1,255,358

CUMULATIVE LIFETIME GIVING LEVELS:

President's Fellow	\$50,000 and above
Father Gross Fellow	\$25,000 and above
Father Bierberg Fellow	\$12,000 and above
Paul Tonner Fellow	\$6,000 and above
Fellow	\$2,000 and above



GIVING MADE SIMPLE AND CONVENIENT

ANNUAL GIVING CLUBS

President's Circle
\$10,000 and above

Fr. Banet Club
\$5,000 and above

Twin Towers
\$1,000 and above

1889 Society
\$500 and above

Around the Fountain Club
\$100 and above

For more information on how to support Saint Joseph's College, contact the Office of Institutional Advancement and Marketing at (800) 227-1898.

Saint Joseph's College introduces **Automated payments (electronic funds transfer)** to the many ways you can support the College with your gift. Perhaps it is difficult to find the means to make one annual contribution...or you set aside the donation request in an ever-growing stack of "things to do."

Now, you can initiate a debit entry to your Checking or Savings Account. A contribution of \$25 - \$100 - \$250 might seem overwhelming to your budget all at once – no matter how many years and college loan payments have passed since graduation – but becomes manageable if paid on a monthly or quarterly basis. Automated payments may be arranged for contributions in any amount that fit within your personal philanthropic plan. For more information or to request an Authorization Agreement for Automated Payments, contact **Maureen Egan '90**, Vice President of Institutional Advancement and Marketing, at (800)227-1898 or mo@saintjoe.edu.

FUNDRAISING FACT: Did you know that you can contribute on-line with a credit card?

It's secure, fast, and a simple way to support Saint Joseph's College. Visit www.alumni.saintjoe.edu.

FUNDRAISING FACT: Did you know that it is possible to arrange a monthly/quarterly gift plan with your credit card?

If you enjoy "rewards points" from credit card purchases, this is a great way to accumulate them and support SJC. For example, budgeting \$10 per month grows to a \$120 annual contribution and enrolls you as a member of the Around the Fountain Club and lists you in the annual Honor Roll of Donors.

FUNDRAISING FACT: Did you know that many foundations examine an institution's alumni donor participation rate when considering whether or not to fund a grant proposal?

Foundations invest in institutions that have built their fundraising capacity with a broad and deep base of support that encourages volunteer involvement in the fundraising effort. Your "investment" sends a clear message that SJC is worth their investment, too.

It is all about participation. Your gift – no matter the amount – helps to raise the alumni donor participation rate. The alumni donor participation rate for fiscal year 2004-2005 was 24.87%. It takes 100 donors to raise the rate 1%. Help SJC raise the rate – participate.

Edward T. (Tim) Hurley '63 has retired after 12 years with the State of California and working as a Safety Consultant. Tim and his wife, Sharon, have four children and three grandchildren.

Judge Joseph Monnin '77, recipient of the Alumni Achievement Award in 2000, continues to try to turn around the lives of juvenile delinquents. He was in charge of the renovation of the Clark County Juvenile Detention Facility in Springfield, Ohio. After one year of renovation and expansion to the facility, the building reopened in February 2006.

Ken Renspie '79 has rejoined Coca-Cola North America as Brand Marketing Manager for the Southeast Business Unit. He'll be responsible for non-carbonated brands including POWERade, Dasani, Minute Maid Juices, Full Throttle, and the rest of the company's growing brand portfolio. While a change in responsibility, no change in location. Tampa, FL will remain home for Ken, wife Julie, and daughters Jennifer and Kimberly.

Linda (Serpico) Cross '83 has joined the law firm of Parsinen Kaplan Rosberg & Gotlieb P.A. as the newest addition to the firm's portfolio of not average attorneys. In addition to being a gifted actress, Linda is a savvy lawyer and an astute entrepreneur. Linda joins the PKR&G Commercial Real Estate team with nearly twenty years of experience at esteemed law firms in the Minneapolis and Chicago areas. Most recently, Linda spearheaded an entrepreneurial venture, a commercial title insurance company, where she served as Vice President and general counsel. Linda currently lives in Woodbury, MN and is a member of the Fellowship of Christian Business & Professional Women. She attended John Marshall Law School in Chicago, Illinois, where she received her Juris Doctor with distinction.

Dan Rodriguez '83 has been named to a three-year term as a director of the Charities Review Council of Minnesota.

Rodriguez, ombudsperson for the St. Paul Public Schools, also is pursuing a master's degree from the Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs at the University of Minnesota.

Elizabeth Nkuo '91, BlueCross BlueShield of South Carolina Manager, was named a "20 Under 40" honoree by the Columbia Business Journal, a monthly publication of *The State* newspaper. Nkuo, Community Relations Manager at BlueCross, oversees the company's extensive charitable program. Prior to joining BlueCross in 1999, she served as product sales and marketing director for the Girl Scouts of the Congaree Area. In addition to her professional positions, Nkuo has served in leadership positions in the Public Relations Society of America, Leadership Columbia, the Leadership Columbia Alumni Association, the United Way of the Midlands, Communities in Schools, and the Partners in Education Foundation Board for Richland School District One. She was one of two recipients of the 2005 Distinguished Alumni Award from the Leadership Columbia Alumni Association.

Mad Hops, Ltd. President/CEO **Herb Baldwin, Jr. '92** announced that his company has designed and provided hooded sweatsuits to the Rockford (Illinois) Lightning of the Continental Basketball Association. The suits feature the Lightning logo printed on the front of the shirt and left leg of the pant. The Mad Hops logo appears on the hood of the shirt and right leg of the pant.

Jim Hilvert '93 is the Assistant Football Coach at the College of Mount St. Joseph, Cincinnati, Ohio, in charge of the team's defense. Mount St. Joseph has won the Heartland Conference title the past two years, going on to Division III playoffs. The team has a 19-3 record in those two years.

David Kirkham '93 was promoted from Detective Sergeant to Lieutenant with the Indiana State Police on

12/12/05. He will be serving as the Area I Investigative Commander overseeing Task Force Operations and the Criminal Investigation Divisions at the Lowell, Lafayette, and Peru Districts. Also, this past September, he joined 59 of his fellow State Police officers for two weeks in Mississippi to assist with Hurricane Katrina relief efforts.

Ryan L. Perino '94 is currently a Cardiovascular Sales Representative with KOS Pharmaceuticals in Toledo, Ohio. He just celebrated his 10-year wedding anniversary and has two sons, Ethan (4) and Carson (2).

Amy (Skaggs) Rouse '95 was named one of the top Marketing Directors for LA Weight Loss at the national sales conference in December 2005.

Jason Grzegorek '97 has been promoted to Office Manager for Waycross Community Media.

Rev. Dan Doctor '98 was ordained Deacon for the Diocese of Kalamazoo, MI on 12/17/05 and was ordained a priest on 5/13/06.

Peg McLeish '98 is now the Communications and Programs Manager at the Indiana Humanities Council in Indianapolis, IN. Peg started her new duties on 1/2/06.

Jessica (Barnard) Pitstick '02 recently accepted a new position with Purdue University, West Lafayette campus, in the Recreational Sports Division. She will be the student employee supervisor as well as the office manager.

Nicholas Schafer '03 became the Environmental Programs Supervisor for the City of Elkhart, IN in February 2006. Nick oversees the operation for the Elkhart Environmental Center and the EnviroCorps (AmeriCorps) Team.

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CLASS NOTES

ENGAGEMENTS

Christopher Balcer '99 to Danielle Patterson. A September 30, 2006, wedding is planned. **Chad Novak '98** will be in the wedding party.

Andrea L. Campbell '00 to Christopher D. Tobin. A June 2007 wedding is planned.

Catherine Carroll '01 to Barry Clarke. A September 2007 wedding is planned.

Kimberly Noon '01 to Wess Richey. A June 9, 2007, wedding is planned.

Tina Carroll '02 to **Chris Sandor '02**. A Summer 2007 wedding is planned.

Elizabeth Hollenbeck '02 to **Brian McGovern '00**. A November 18, 2006, wedding is planned at Saint Joseph's Chapel. **Katie Carroll '01** will be in the wedding party.

Casidy Reiser '02 to Randi Seiser.

Megan L. Taylor '02 to Jason Alstatt.

William Moore '03 to Shatyta Jones. An August 12, 2006, wedding is planned.

Amanda Barnhart '05 to John Senac. A July 7, 2006, wedding is planned.

MARRIAGES

Christopher A. Fitzgerald '95 to Brenda Moore, 8/27/05. The wedding party included **Denise Fitzgerald '97**, **Bryan Strasburger '97**, **Sean Van Coutren '95**, **Mike Pruzin '95**, **Steve Maillet '95**, and **Chris White '95**. Other Pumas in attendance were **Rob Downen '95**, **Steve Wright '96**, **Patrick Lockwood '98**, **Jason Rozanski '98**, and **Todd Tyler '97**.

Melissa Messman '95 to Brian Tyler, 12/18/05.

Jim Danko '97 to Aleksa Huns, 5/20/06.

Amber S. Dossett '98 to Johnnie Wood, 5/28/2005.

Jamie L. Portal '99 to Andrew Guardi, 11/26/05. **Sara Bruner '99** was the maid of honor and **Rev. Jeffrey Kirch, C.P.P.S. '98** officiated.

Heather A. Rhodes '01 to Michael Aviles, 8/7/04.

Breain Ma'Aytech '02 to Luke Dunscombe, 5/12/06.

Colleen Flynn '03 to Brian Dault, 11/25/05.

Corey L. Kiger '03 to Alison D. Gilbert, 11/26/05.

Allison Glidewell '04 to Jason Carter, 8/7/04.

Megan Massengale '04 to Seth Lindsey, 4/29/06.

Amber N. Mattocks '04 to Aaron Parrish, 12/17/05.

Amanda Hartle '05 to Joshua Rinehart, 1/24/06.

Erin C. Kardash '05 to Allen Cochran, 12/31/05.

Courtney Rosenbaum '05 to Main Hale, 10/22/05.

BIRTHS

Tate Mitchell Darner to **Linc (former SJC head men's basketball coach)** and Kristen **Darner**. Tate joins big sister Layne (5).

Katelyn Renae Branch to Dennis and **Julie (Doyle) Branch '89**, 2/6/06. Katelyn joins big sister, Jessica (3).

Elise Ruby Anne Chauvin to **Michael '91** and Ellen Miller-**Chauvin**, 7/1/04. Elise joins big sister Mallory (3).

Nolan Finnegan to **John '91** and Jill **Finnegan**, 10/6/05. Nolan joins big brothers Connor (6), Aidan (4), and Brennan (2).

John Kristof Kenessey to George and **Meri (Vallin) Kenessey '91**, 11/14/05.

Aileen Mary Randall to **Mark '91**

and **Colleen (Boyle) Randall '92**, 1/12/06. Aileen joins big sisters Mauve (6) and Norah (1).

Jack Paul Urbanski to Mark and **Elizabeth (Morrissey) Urbanski '91**, 12/8/04. Jack joins big brother Stephen (6) and big sister Hannah (4).

Abigail Drew Crawford to Adam and **Michelle (Heck) Crawford '93**, 3/30/05. Abigail was welcomed by big brother A.J. (6), and her guardian angel, brother Drew.

Jessica Nichole Jurgens to **Tim '93** and **Michele (Santos) Jurgens '93**. Jessica joins big brothers Timmy (8) and Zachary (5).

McKinley Adelaide Parker to David and **Dawn (Fitzgerald) Parker '94**, 11/3/05.

William Jacob Schlueter to Jeff and **Suzie (Hayes) Schlueter '94**, 12/4/05.

Ryan Andrew Rouse to Steven and **Amy (Skaggs) Rouse '95**, 7/9/05. Ryan joins big brothers Connor (6) and Evan (2).

William Elijah Krouse to **Kurt '96** and **Jennifer (Allgeyer) Krouse '95**, 1/23/06. Eli joins his big sisters Ellie (3) and Emma (1).

Jace Levi Huerter to Scott and **Jodi (Firth) Huerter '96**.

Emily Elizabeth Mrozinski to Andrew and **Debra (Bartoszewicz) Mrozinski '96**, 10/7/05. Emily joins big brother Aaron (4).

Carlie Jo Pickett to Scott and **Stacey (Drake) Pickett '96**, 7/20/05. Carlie joins big sister Haley Grace (6).

Meghan Therese Swanson to **Mike '96** and **Kim (Chrustowski) Swanson '96**, 4/3/05. Meghan joins big brother Patrick (2).

Paige Elise Wleklinski to **Dave '96** and Melissa **Wleklinski**, 10/17/05. Paige joins big sister Hannah Rose (3).

Avery Grace Wright to **Stephen '96** and Kimberly **Wright**, 7/28/05.

Addison Merritt Lockwood to **Patrick '98** and Courtney **Lockwood**, 1/25/06.

Coby Nicholas Walters to **Cory '00** and **Holly (Stefaniak) Walters '00**, 2/6/06.

James Michael Bohleber to Matt and **Amanda (Bailey) Bohleber '01**, 12/10/05.

Trey Thomas Trennepohl to Joshawa and **Kimberly (Hamel) Trennepohl '02**, 10/9/05.

Nicholas Andrew Block to **Lisa Block**. Nicholas joins big brother Ryan (2).

Braden Riley Seegers to **Corey '04** and Sheila **Seegers**, 11/21/05.

DEATHS

Rev. Harry Langhals, C.P.P.S. '31, *SJC Academy*, 12/31/05.

Rev. Charles J. Robbins, C.P.P.S. '33, 3/25/06.

Rev. Msgr. Alfred F. Horrigan '34, 8/23/05.

Rev. Msgr. Edward I. Hession '35, 2/14/06.

Rev. Charles Rueve, C.P.P.S. '40, 3/10/06.

William F. Dougherty, C.P.P.S. '41, *SJC Academy*, 12/1/05.

Albert R. Knuth, D.D.S. '41, date unknown.

Fred J. Hunnefeld '47, 2/24/06.

Bernard Ingersoll '49, 1/4/06.

Harry J. Martinbianco '50, 7/19/05.

Louis A. Hohe '51, 10/26/05.

Richard J. Kotheimer '54, 1/17/06.

Julius Chevigny '57, 12/26/05.

William J. Walsh '58, 9/02.

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